

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the final official action of January 28, 2004.

By the foregoing, the limitations of allowable claim 12 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claims 14-16, 18-22, and 26 have been canceled, without prejudice.

As a result, it is believed that claims 1, 3-9, 11, 23-25, and 27 are in condition for allowance.

An indication to that effect is solicited.

Entry and consideration of this amendment after final rejection is believed to be proper, as the amendment cancels all rejected claims, thereby putting the application in form for allowance.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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